REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to the compounds of formula I where X is oxygen;
- II. Claims 1-17, drawn to the compounds of formula I where X is sulfur;
- III. Claims 1-17, drawn to the compounds of formula I where X contains no heteroatoms; and
- IV. Claims 1-17, drawn to the compounds of formula I where X contains nitrogen.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group IV, that is, the compounds of formula I where X is nitrogen.

Claims 1-17 are all generic to the elected group.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter.

All formal matters having been attended to, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1830/50325).

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